

CLAIMS:

1. A method for preparing a granular form of nonionic cellulose ether, comprising the steps of adding dropwise or spraying a powder-binding liquid containing a wetter to a nonionic cellulose ether powder while fluidizing the powder, for thereby granulating, and drying, thereby yielding granulated nonionic cellulose ether without grinding.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the wetter is a nonionic, anionic or cationic surfactant.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the nonionic cellulose ether powder is such that the amount remaining on No. 140 (opening 106  $\mu$ m) sieve described in the Japanese Pharmacopoeia, 14th Edition, B-1061 is up to 25% by weight.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the nonionic cellulose ether is methyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose or hydroxyethyl ethyl cellulose.
5. A granulated nonionic cellulose ether obtained by the method of claim 1.
6. The granulated nonionic cellulose ether of claim 5 which is sized such that the amount remaining on No. 30 (opening 500  $\mu$ m) sieve described in the Japanese Pharmacopoeia, 14th Edition, B-1060 is up to 50% by weight and the amount passing through No. 140 (opening 106  $\mu$ m) sieve described in the Japanese Pharmacopoeia, 14th Edition, B-1061 is up to 40% by weight.